

# An observational cohort study to evaluate the risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes in patients treated with etanercept compared to those not treated with etanercept or other biologics using merged data from Sweden, Denmark and Finland

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Study

Finalised

## Administrative details

### EU PAS number

EUPAS20081

### Study ID

25620

### DARWIN EU® study

No

### Study countries

- Denmark
- Finland
- Sweden

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## Study description

This is a population-based study of data from the national health registers of Sweden, Denmark and Finland. The study will compare the rate of adverse outcomes, including birth defects, preterm birth, small for gestational age and infections in infancy among infants to women exposed to etanercept with infants to women not exposed.

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## Study status

Finalised

# Research institutions and networks

## Institutions

### [Centre for Pharmacoepidemiology, Karolinska Institutet \(CPE-KI\)](#)

- Sweden

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**Institution**

**Educational Institution**

**Laboratory/Research/Testing facility**

**Not-for-profit**

**ENCePP partner**

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## Study timelines

### **Date when funding contract was signed**

Planned: 01/07/2017

Actual: 01/07/2017

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### **Study start date**

Planned: 01/07/2006

Actual: 01/07/2006

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**Data analysis start date**

Planned: 01/07/2017

Actual: 01/07/2017

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**Date of final study report**

Planned: 31/12/2018

Actual: 02/07/2018

## Sources of funding

- Pharmaceutical company and other private sector

## More details on funding

Pfizer

## Study protocol

[Enbrel PASS protocol\\_B1801396\\_v 3.pdf](#) (1.05 MB)

## Regulatory

**Was the study required by a regulatory body?**

Yes

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**Is the study required by a Risk Management Plan (RMP)?**

Not applicable

## Methodological aspects

### Study type

#### Study type list

**Study topic:**

Disease /health condition

Human medicinal product

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**Study type:**

Non-interventional study

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**Scope of the study:**

Assessment of risk minimisation measure implementation or effectiveness

**Data collection methods:**

Secondary use of data

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**Main study objective:**

To compare the risk of adverse birth outcomes in women exposed to etanercept during pregnancy to those not exposed.

## Study Design

**Non-interventional study design**

Cohort

## Study drug and medical condition

**Medical condition to be studied**

Rheumatoid arthritis

Psoriasis

Ankylosing spondylitis

## Population studied

## **Short description of the study population**

Pregnant women with diagnosis of rheumatoid arthritis (RA), psoriatic arthritis (PsA) or ankylosing spondyloarthritis (AS); for the etanercept treated cohort women who had any treatment with etanercept within 3 months prior to the first day of the last menstrual period (LMP) or any time during pregnancy were included.

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## **Age groups**

- Preterm newborn infants (0 – 27 days)
- Term newborn infants (0 – 27 days)
- Infants and toddlers (28 days – 23 months)

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## **Special population of interest**

Pregnant women

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## **Estimated number of subjects**

1300000

## **Study design details**

### **Outcomes**

Major congenital malformations, Any congenital malformation, preterm birth, small for gestational age, infant infections

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### **Data analysis plan**

All birth in Sweden, Denmark and Finland between July 2006 and 2013 will be included. Birth outcomes for infants born to women with etanercept treatment will be compared to those without.

## **Documents**

## Study results

[Final report for PASS study B1801396 version 3.0 final.pdf \(1.65 MB\)](#)

## Study report

[Appendix Final report for Etanercept PASS study B1801396\\_version 3.0\\_Final.pdf \(2.22 MB\)](#)

## Data management

### ENCePP Seal

The use of the ENCePP Seal has been discontinued since February 2025.

The ENCePP Seal fields are retained in the display mode for transparency but are no longer maintained.

## Data sources

### Data source(s)

Danish registries (access/analysis)

Sweden National Prescribed Drugs Register / Läkemedelsregistret

### Data sources (types)

[Drug dispensing/prescription data](#)

[Other](#)

### Data sources (types), other

Prospective patient-based data collection

## Use of a Common Data Model (CDM)

## **CDM mapping**

No

# Data quality specifications

## **Check conformance**

Unknown

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## **Check completeness**

Unknown

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## **Check stability**

Unknown

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## **Check logical consistency**

Unknown

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# Data characterisation

## **Data characterisation conducted**

Unknown